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SUBJECT: PRE-32ND UNGA CONSULTATIONS: PROPOSED VISIT OF AMB WELLS
AND COUNSELLOR PETREE

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF AMBASSADOR WELLS AND
COUNSELLOR PETREE FOR PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS IN BANGKOK.
EMBOFF ON JULY 29 SPOKE WITH PRASOET MASUDI, CHIEF OF
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES DIVISION IN INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS DEPT. TO QUERY HIM ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF
APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH VISITORS ON AUG. 22.
PRASOET SAID HE THOUGHT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS DEPT., PHIRAPHONG KASEMSI, WOULD BE AVAILABLE
AT THAT TIME, AS WOULD DIVISION CHIEFS. HE WILL CONFIRM
IMMEDIATELY AFTER PHIRAPHONG'S RETURN TO COUNTRY AUG. 9.

2. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT DATE OF ASEAN PRE-UNGA
CONSULTATIONS MEETING, PRASOET SAID IT WAS THAILAND'S
VIEW THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY ASEAN MEETINGS GOING ON
THESE DAYS, AND THAILAND WOULD SUGGEST TO FELLOW ASEAN
MEMBERS THAT CONSULTATIONS BE HELD AMONG FOREIGN
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MINISTERS WHEN THEY ALL REACH NEW YORK FOR UNGA SESSION.
PRASOET SAID THAT SINGAPORE WAS SCHEDULED TO HOST PRE-
UNGA CONSULTATIONS MEETING, HOWEVER, AND IF THEY AND
OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS FELT STRONGLY ABOUT HOLDING
MEETINGS, THAILAND WOULD GO ALONG WITH OTHERS' DESIRES.
(QUERY ABOUT ASEAN WAS MADE BECAUSE ASEAN CONSULTATIONS
ARE USUALLY HELD DURING SECOND HALF OF AUGUST AND WOULD

REMOVE MOST OF PRINCIPAL ACTORS FROM THE SCENE.)

3. ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WITH WELLS AND PETREE, PRASOET SAID HE WAS PRESENTLY PREPARING POLICY PAPER FOR FIRST COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS, SO TRADITIONAL QUESTIONS ON DISARMAMENT, KOREA AND INDIAN OCEAN CAME TO MIND. HE SAID HE WOULD QUERY OTHER DIVISION CHIEFS ABOUT POSSIBLE TOPICS OF INTEREST AND INFORM EMBOFF OF ANY SUGGESTIONS. WHEN EMBOFF SUGGESTED TALKING ABOUT NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND RESTRUCTURING UN, PRASOET MERELY REPLIED, "THOSE WOULD BE INTERESTING".

4. PHIRAPHONG, AN OLD UN HAND, IS KEY FIGURE IN FORMULATING AND APPLYING THAI POSITION AT UN AND THUS MOST USEFUL FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW FOR SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WITH WELLS AND PETREE. IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH PHIRAPHONG, WE WILL SEEK CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT, IF POSSIBLE, OR UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WONG.

5. SINCE BANGKOK IS HEADQUARTERS OF ESCAP, WOULD AMB WELLS WISHTO CALL ON ESCAP OFFICIALS SHOULD TIME PERMIT? PLEASE ADVISE. WILL FORWARD SUGGESTED ITINERARY WHEN DEPT. CONFIRMS DATES FOR WELLS PETRE VISIT HERE.

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